

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, MARCH QUARTER 1968

Details of industrial accidents are extracted from claims for worker's compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period.

The Workers' Compensation Department of the Queensland State Government Insurance Office is the only body authorised under the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation Acts, 1916 to 1966", to issue industrial accident policies in Queensland. Claims made on this Department are therefore the sole source of information on compensative industrial accidents.

However, while all employers must insure their employees, not all industrial accidents are covered since, under the Compensation Acts, self-employed persons are not obliged to insure and hence a number of accidents to workers in primary industry, the professions, etc. are not recorded. Similarly, members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service, including the P.M.G.'s Department, are excluded by the provisions of the Act and coverage is thereby restricted in the administrative and communications industries.

By definition, the scope of the collection is limited to include only those injured employees who lost at least a full shift from work as a result of the accident. This publication excludes particulars of accidents occurring during recess periods or on the journey to or from work and of occupational diseases which are published annually only.

Definitions

An Industrial Accident is defined as any compensated work injury or a compensated occupational disease causing death or permanent disability, or the temporary disability of the injured person during the entire interval corresponding to the hours of his or her regular shift on any one or more calendar days subsequent to the date of the injury. Details of work injuries only are given in the following tables.

Fatal injuries are so classified regardless of the time intervening between injury and death, providing that death occurs within three years of the intimation of the claim.

Permanent Disability is an injury or disease which does not cause death but which results in the complete loss or loss of use of any member or part of a member of the body, or any permanent impairment of functions of the body or part thereof.

Temporary Disability is any injury which does not result in death or permanent impairment, but which renders the injured person unable to perform a regularly established job during the entire time interval corresponding to the hours of a full, regular shift.

Agency Related to the Accident is the agency (i.e., work conditions, production equipment, or persons, animals, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature or condition precipitated the event designated as the accident.

Type of Accident is the event which directly resulted in the injury (i.e., the manner in which contact was made between the injured person and the object or substance causing the injury).

Duration of Temporary Disability refers to the number of calendar days of incapacity (not to the actual number of work days lost).

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability,
March Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability								
		Fatal	Permanent	Temporary	1 Day to 7 Days	Over 7 to 14 Days	Over 2 to 4 Weeks	1 to 6 Months	Over 6 Months	Days Lost			
										Total	Average		
Males													
TOTAL	9,252	24	171	9,057	3,542	2,466	1,510	1,488	51	174,834	19.3		
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	141	3	6	132	43	26	21	39	3	4,164	31.5		
Salesmen	117	-	1	116	51	25	13	25	2	2,973	25.6		
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters	1,054	7	22	1,025	212	324	234	248	7	26,648	26.0		
Miners and Quarrymen ..	221	1	2	218	80	61	41	36	-	4,034	18.5		
Road Transport Workers ..	489	2	7	480	161	141	85	92	1	9,588	20.0		
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	167	-	1	166	75	33	28	28	2	3,448	20.8		
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1,996	3	33	1,960	1,082	431	235	205	7	26,260	13.4		
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	701	-	31	670	244	180	113	128	5	13,984	20.9		
Painters and Decorators ..	133	-	1	132	55	38	14	21	4	5,740	43.5		
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	374	1	4	369	123	105	62	75	4	8,248	22.4		
Food and Beverage Workers	822	-	11	811	311	289	123	87	1	12,268	15.1		
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	320	2	9	309	115	77	60	55	2	6,111	19.8		
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	462	2	4	456	142	128	98	84	4	9,678	21.2		
Labourers n.e.i.	1,538	2	25	1,511	573	423	259	249	7	28,885	19.1		
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	210	-	6	204	74	50	38	41	1	4,305	21.1		
Other Occupations ..	507	1	8	498	201	135	86	75	1	8,500	17.1		
Females													
TOTAL	756	-	10	746	309	218	106	109	4	14,153	19.0		
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	79	-	1	78	35	15	11	17	-	1,692	21.7		
Sales Workers	84	-	1	83	38	24	10	11	-	1,407	17.0		
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	33	-	1	32	15	9	3	5	-	561	17.5		
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	39	-	-	39	24	11	2	2	-	351	9.0		
Metal Process Workers ..	25	-	1	24	9	8	3	4	-	512	21.3		
Food and Beverage Workers	116	-	2	114	49	37	18	10	-	1,728	15.2		
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	49	-	1	48	21	14	5	7	1	1,069	22.3		
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	99	-	-	99	44	27	17	11	-	1,600	16.2		
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	200	-	2	198	66	63	31	35	3	4,526	22.9		
Other Occupations ..	32	-	1	31	8	10	6	7	-	707	22.8		

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Nature of Injury, March Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Nature of Injury								
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries
Males										
TOTAL	9,252	1,121	2,438	17	87	2,624	735	1,366	391	473
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	141	35	44	-	4	25	5	14	2	12
Salesmen	117	19	40	1	-	21	5	16	4	11
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber- getters	1,054	186	214	6	9	383	47	120	33	56
Miners and Quarrymen ..	221	24	70	-	2	64	18	35	5	3
Road Transport Workers ..	489	74	192	2	3	81	9	88	17	23
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	167	27	41	-	-	31	12	29	8	19
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1,996	192	408	3	15	526	304	264	152	132
Carpenters and Other Wood- working Occupations ..	701	88	194	-	24	208	52	91	12	32
Painters and Decorators ..	133	16	39	-	-	23	10	29	8	8
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	374	55	122	-	-	102	27	46	10	12
Food and Beverage Workers	822	43	148	-	6	429	57	88	23	28
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	320	48	106	1	6	65	24	45	14	11
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	462	56	179	1	-	89	24	84	3	26
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,538	161	410	1	10	442	114	274	60	66
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	210	33	64	1	3	34	10	36	13	16
Other Occupations ..	507	64	167	1	5	101	17	107	27	18
Females										
TOTAL	756	60	232	1	5	213	37	137	33	38
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	79	18	24	-	-	12	1	16	2	6
Sales Workers	84	5	19	-	1	30	5	16	4	4
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	33	3	7	-	-	16	1	4	-	2
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	39	-	13	-	-	7	1	15	-	3
Metal Process Workers ..	25	1	6	-	1	9	1	3	3	1
Food and Beverage Workers ..	116	1	27	-	1	48	9	15	8	7
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	49	4	18	1	1	10	4	8	-	3
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	99	2	32	-	-	29	9	18	2	7
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	200	22	73	-	1	47	5	34	14	4
Other Occupations ..	32	4	13	-	-	5	1	8	-	1

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Type of Accident, March Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Type of Accident									
		Falls of Persons	Struck by Falling Objects	Striking or Struck by Objects	Caught in or between Objects	Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	Extreme Temperatures	Electric Current	Harmful Substances or Radiation	Other Types	
Males											
TOTAL	9,252	1,811	1,026	3,298	799	1,628	292	15	166	217	
Primary Production ..	1,028	200	78	457	80	143	27	3	9	31	
Mining and Quarrying ..	268	51	43	74	38	52	5	-	2	3	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	181	31	31	51	19	42	-	-	3	4	
Metal Refining and Products	554	48	64	233	51	84	45	1	25	3	
Machinery & General Engineering	1,153	156	154	475	77	178	53	3	48	9	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	895	118	57	508	51	102	34	-	5	20	
Other Food and Drink Processing	453	99	52	118	51	82	34	-	12	5	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	443	56	67	153	76	77	2	-	5	7	
Preparation of Skins and											
Leather Goods Manufacturing	35	7	4	8	7	6	1	-	2	-	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing	49	9	8	13	5	12	2	-	-	-	
Other Manufacturing ..	190	38	21	55	23	34	8	-	7	4	
Electricity and Gas ..	159	35	9	46	14	39	5	3	3	5	
Water Supply and Sewerage	113	35	10	30	10	19	3	-	-	6	
Building Construction, Repairs	857	240	98	267	38	163	10	3	16	22	
Other Construction Works ..	968	195	116	306	95	201	20	-	9	26	
Road Transport ..	332	88	33	67	33	77	3	-	3	28	
Other Transport and Storage	506	180	54	110	65	80	8	1	2	6	
Commerce and Finance ..	790	155	99	247	45	174	22	-	13	35	
Community and Business Services	134	28	12	44	8	31	7	1	-	3	
Amusement and Personal Services	132	36	16	33	13	29	3	-	2	-	
Other Industries ..	12	6	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Females											
TOTAL	756	180	55	272	60	125	25	1	8	30	
Primary Production ..	23	7	3	5	2	3	-	-	-	3	
Metal Refining and Products,											
General Engineering ..	27	1	4	7	7	5	1	-	1	1	
Textile Manufacturing ..	43	8	5	17	5	8	-	-	-	-	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	26	2	1	10	10	2	-	-	-	1	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	138	10	3	82	5	28	3	-	4	3	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable											
Canning	35	12	2	9	1	3	1	-	2	5	
Other Food and Drink Processing	33	12	4	7	4	4	1	-	-	1	
Printing, Packaging, etc.											
Manufacturing ..	20	6	3	4	4	2	-	-	-	1	
Other Manufacturing ..	37	5	2	12	7	7	-	-	1	3	
Commerce and Finance ..	133	43	11	47	9	15	5	-	-	3	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	90	27	7	18	3	28	3	-	-	4	
Other Community etc. Services	24	9	1	6	1	5	-	-	-	2	
Hotels, Boarding Houses,											
Restaurants, etc. ..	98	31	6	39	2	10	7	1	-	2	
Amusement and Other Personal											
Services	13	3	3	2	-	3	2	-	-	-	
Other Industries ..	16	4	-	7	-	2	2	-	-	1	

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Agency Related to Accident, March Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Agency Related to Accident									
		Metal and Woodworking Machines	Other Machines and Installed Equipment	Lifting Equipment	Hand Tools, Moveable Equipment	Means of Transport	Materials, Substances, and Radiation	Indoor Working Environment	Outdoor and Underground Environment	Other Agencies	
Males											
TOTAL	9,252	526	520	152	2,063	1,021	342	599	615	3,414	
Primary Production ..	1,028	29	107	7	226	102	28	12	114	403	
Mining and Quarrying ..	268	8	30	6	49	39	9	3	47	77	
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	181	2	12	2	23	23	7	14	8	90	
Metal Refining and Products	554	118	8	8	135	6	42	20	8	209	
Machinery & General Engineering	1,153	185	30	22	311	89	48	65	24	379	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	895	5	35	5	361	51	27	107	8	296	
Other Food and Drink Processing	453	13	44	6	62	37	37	78	8	168	
Sawmilling and Wood Products	443	70	6	10	41	28	6	23	21	238	
Preparation of Skins and Leather Goods Manufacturing ..	35	1	5	1	6	1	3	5	1	12	
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	49	2	4	1	6	1	1	9	2	23	
Other Manufacturing ..	190	16	24	5	20	12	12	25	5	71	
Electricity and Gas ..	159	4	12	3	36	19	7	10	13	55	
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	113	1	3	2	20	12	1	1	24	49	
Building Construction & Repairs	857	35	24	11	262	35	28	61	104	297	
Other Construction Works ..	968	14	81	26	242	103	28	9	107	358	
Road Transport	332	2	15	7	32	107	7	20	18	124	
Other Transport and Storage	506	-	6	13	45	221	11	21	48	141	
Commerce and Finance ..	790	18	46	15	135	116	28	77	35	320	
Community and Business Services	134	3	16	1	22	11	8	17	9	47	
Amusement and Personal Services	132	-	12	1	24	7	4	18	10	56	
Other Industries ..	12	-	-	-	5	1	-	4	1	1	
Females											
TOTAL	756	9	95	-	130	32	22	183	14	271	
Primary Production ..	23	-	2	-	-	3	-	3	3	12	
Metal Refining and Products, General Engineering ..	27	6	1	-	2	1	3	1	1	12	
Textile Manufacturing ..	43	-	16	-	5	3	-	9	-	10	
Clothing Manufacturing ..	26	-	14	-	5	2	-	2	-	3	
Meat and Fish Processing ..	138	-	14	-	41	2	7	14	-	60	
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable Canning	35	-	2	-	6	2	-	11	1	13	
Other Food and Drink Processing	33	-	2	-	5	1	-	10	1	14	
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manufacturing ..	20	-	8	-	4	-	-	2	-	6	
Other Manufacturing ..	37	3	4	-	2	2	-	2	-	24	
Commerce and Finance ..	133	-	18	-	25	1	3	45	2	39	
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	90	-	3	-	13	3	3	32	1	35	
Other Community etc. Services	24	-	-	-	3	3	-	10	-	8	
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Cafes	98	-	9	-	15	2	4	34	4	30	
Amusement, Other Personal Serv.	13	-	1	-	2	1	1	5	-	3	
Other Industries ..	16	-	1	-	2	6	1	3	1	2	

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Table 5 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Nature of Injury, March Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All Injuries	Nature of Injury									
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries	
Total Persons											
TOTAL	10,008	1,181	2,670	18	92	2,837	772	1,503	424	511	
Falls of Persons ..	1,991	392	907	4	1	186	59	351	5	86	
Struck by Falling Objects	1,081	304	65	5	8	286	37	361	1	14	
Stepping on, Striking or Struck by Objects ..	3,570	204	164	3	27	2,024	610	474	23	41	
Caught in or between Objects	859	180	50	1	52	285	22	263	2	4	
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	1,753	67	1,449	2	-	2	-	15	-	218	
Exposure to or Contact with Extreme Temperature ..	317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	311	6	
Exposure to or Contact with Electric Current ..	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	
Exposure to or Contact with Harmful Substances ..	174	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	79	91	
Traffic Accidents ..	105	28	13	2	3	23	3	25	2	6	
Other Types ..	142	6	22	-	1	30	39	14	-	30	

